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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, LI

SUBJ: PROPOSED STUDY OF LIBERIAN AVIATION BY TWA

REF : STATE 211862 (11/21/72); MONROVIA 5297, 1134, A-35

1. TWA HAS INFORMED DEPT. IN CONFIDENCE THAT AT REQUEST GOL, MR. MCLENDON OF TWA' S ASSOCIATED AVIATION PROJECTS OFFICE, NYC AND ATTORNEY RETURNED LIBERIA IN FEBRUARY, 1973 TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF CONTRACT FOR TWA TO DO 4 - 6 WEEK STUDY ON LIBERIAN CIVIL AVIATION ENCOMPASSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING LIBERIAN NATIONAL AIRLINE INTERNALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY AS WELL AS OPERATION OF LIBERIAN AIRPORTS. AGREEMENT NOT REACHED ON CONTRACT TERMS. TWA AWAITING GOL ACCEPTANCE THEIR LATEST PROPOSAL AND WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT, BUT IMPLIED IF TERMS OFFERED FEBRUARY REJECTED BY GOL, MATTER WOULD NOT BE PURSUED BY TWA.

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2. ACCORDING TWA, STUDY WOULD BE FUNDED DIRECTLY FROM GOL BUDGET AND EX- IM GUARANTY WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED. (RE PAR. 3 MONROVIA 1134, EX- IM DOES NOT, AS A MATTER OF COURSE, REQUEST EMBASSY GUIDANCE IN CASES WHERE BANK ONLY PROVIDES GUARANTEE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING IN SMALL AMOUNTS, WHICH WAS CASE IN THIS INSTANCE).

3. MCLENDON CONFIRMED TWA HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PAN AM

IN REGARD TO ROBERTS FIELD ASPECTS OF STUDY.

4. DEPT. REITERATED TO MCLENDON DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING EMBASSY AND DEPT. INFORMED OF TWA' S ACTIVITIES IN LIBERIA. HE AGREED DO SO BUT NOTED DENNIS HAD INSISTED ON CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY TWA OF PROPOSED STUDY, AND FOR THIS REASON TWA REPS HAD NOT CALLED AT EMBASSY DURING FEBRUARY VISIT. DEPT. ASSURED MCLENDON ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED WOULD BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE BY DEPT. AND EMBASSY.

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